

# **Washington State Patrol Media Release**

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## **A Centralia Man Killed in a One Car Collision In Thurston County**

A 33-year-old Centralia man was killed after his vehicle left the roadway, rolled and hit a tree.

The May 3<sup>rd</sup> incident occurred at 5:42 p.m. when the State Patrol received a call of a car versus tree collision on Tono Road SE, 3 miles south of Ohop Street.

33-year-old Shawne M. Graham of Centralia was driving a light blue 1984 Nissan pick up on Tono Road SE at a high rate of speed. Graham lost control of his vehicle as he came into the curve, ran off the roadway and flipped his vehicle at least twice, hitting several trees. The pick up came to a rest on its wheels down an embankment. The posted speed limit in the area is 35 MPH and the curve where the collision occurred has a recommended speed limit of 15 MPH.

Graham sustained life-threatening injuries as a result of the collision and died at the scene. A passenger in the vehicle, William S. Forrest also from Centralia, was transported to Providence Hospital in Centralia with minor injuries.

According to investigating Troopers at the scene, speed and alcohol appear to be the contributing factors in this preventable tragic collision. It was estimated by evidence at the scene that Grahams speed at the time of the collision was approximately 68 MPH.

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